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BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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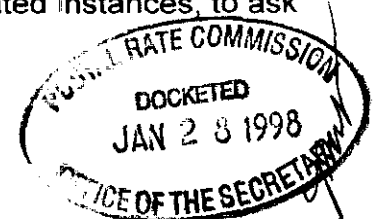
Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 1997 )

Docket No. R97-1

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE NOTICE IN  
RESPONSE TO P.O. RULING R97-1/54  
(January 28, 1998)

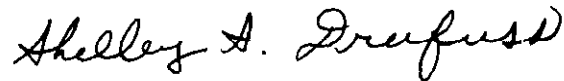
P. O. Ruling R97-1/54 directs participants to give notice of the availability of their witnesses and an indication of the amount of oral cross-examination anticipated for other participants' witnesses.

- (1) The following Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) witnesses are available at all times during the February 17-27 hearing period: Pamela Thompson, Gail Willette, James Callow, and J. Edward Smith. Witness Sheryda Collins is available on all dates except February 27. Witness John O'Bannon is available on most dates, but is not available on February 18, 19, 25, and 26. The availability of witness Roger Sherman is somewhat uncertain at this time since he has just experienced the untimely death of an immediate member of his family.
- (2) OCA does not plan cross-examination of any intervenor witnesses at the present time. However, if witnesses are scheduled to appear as the result of a request by another intervenor, OCA asks that it be permitted, in very isolated instances, to ask



just a few questions of witnesses already appearing. Also, OCA reserves the right to follow up on the cross-examination of other participants.

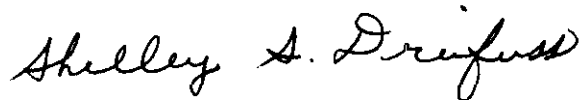
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shelley S. Dreifuss".

Shelley S. Dreifuss  
Attorney  
Office of the Consumer Advocate

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the rules of practice.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shelley S. Dreifuss".

Shelley S. Dreifuss  
Attorney

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